

Pronoun Case with Compound Objects and Subjects

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

case: form of noun or pronoun that shows how it is used

subject: person or thing doing the main action in a sentence or clause

object: person or thing that directly or indirectly receives the action of a verb, or a noun or pronoun that follows a preposition in a phrase

compound subject: two or more subjects that share the same verb, joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*

compound object: two or more objects, joined by a conjunction

linking verb: a verb that expresses a state of being, and connects a subject to another word in the sentence; commonly a form of the verb *to be*.

HERE'S HOW

Step 1: Review the forms of personal pronouns.

Personal Pronouns			
	Subject Case	Object Case	Possessive Case
Singular	I	me	My, mine
	You	you	your, yours
	he, she, it	him, her, it	His, her, hers, its
Plural	We	us	our, ours
	You	you	your, yours
	They	them	their, theirs

Step 2: Mentally block out or cross off the other noun or pronoun.

EXAMPLES ~~Shawn and~~ (I, me) read that story.

Our friends told the story to ~~Kate and~~ (we, us).

Step 3: Decide whether the remaining pronoun is a subject or object.

EXAMPLES I read that story. (subject)

Our friends told the story to us. (object)

STUDENT LESSON SUMMARY, CONTINUED

Step 4: Use the subject pronoun when the pronoun is a subject, or when it follows a linking verb such as *is*, *was*, *will be*, or *seem*.

EXAMPLES Ted and I are on the same study team. (subject)

The leaders of the team are he and I. (after linking verb *are*)

Step 5: Use the object pronoun when the pronoun is a direct or indirect object or the object of a preposition.

EXAMPLES Our friends saw Darlene and me at the library. (direct object)

The librarian showed them and us an illustrated book. (indirect object)

Shawn gave an article to Darlene and me. (object of a preposition)